

inspector determines that the privacy of any resident of the facility to be inspected would otherwise be violated. The protection and dignity of the resident shall be given first priority by the inspector and others.

Sec. 3. QUALITY-BASED INSPECTIONS.

1. The department of inspections and appeals shall develop and implement a quality-based inspections system for health care facilities which are licensed only by the state pursuant to chapter 135C. The quality-based system shall be used in inspections of health care facilities beginning with the first inspection of the facility subsequent to the inspection of that facility during the period July 1, 2000, through September 1, 2001.

2. The department of inspections and appeals shall convene an advisory committee of stakeholders to monitor the development and ongoing refinement of the criteria to be used in conducting a quality-based inspection system. The advisory committee shall consult with the department of inspections and appeals regarding the ongoing distribution of the most current criteria to all appropriate stakeholders.

3. The department of inspections and appeals shall submit all of the following to the joint appropriations subcommittee on administration and regulation, to the committees on human resources of both houses, to the governor, and to the legislative fiscal bureau:

a. On or before August 1, 2001, a report which includes all of the following:

(1) The criteria used in the quality-based inspections system.

(2) The survey and complaint activities completed in fiscal year 1999-2000 and fiscal year 2000-2001 for health care facilities licensed only by the state.

b. On or before February 1, 2001, an interim report, and on or before August 1, 2001, a final report, regarding the progress in developing and implementing the quality-based inspections system.

Any of the reports submitted may also include such additional information as requested by the joint appropriations subcommittee on administration and regulation and by the committees on human resources of both houses and may contain recommendations by the department of inspections and appeals of legislative action or program change.

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CHAPTER 1181
WATER QUALITY DISTRICTS
S.F. 2438

AN ACT relating to the creation of a water quality district, providing for the levy of a tax, and providing for other properly related matters.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 357E.1, subsection 2, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

2. "District" means a benefited recreational lake district or a water quality district or a combined district incorporated and organized pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. 2. Section 357E.1, Code 1999, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 5. "Water quality activities" includes, but is not limited to, public information dissemination, creation or maintenance of grass waterways or wetlands, dredging, bank stabilization, water treatment, water monitoring, watershed protection, activities

on lands outside the district which affect water quality within the district, and any other activity which will improve water quality of a stream, river, or lake.

Sec. 3. Section 357E.2, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

357E.2 INCORPORATION.

1. If an area of contiguous territory is situated so that the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, improvement, equipping, maintenance, and operation of recreation facilities for the residents of the territory will be conducive to the public health, comfort, convenience, water quality, or welfare, the area may be incorporated as a benefited recreational lake district as set forth in this chapter. The land to be included in a district must be contiguous to the recreational lake or to other residential, agricultural, or commercial property which is contiguous to the recreational lake.

2. If an area of contiguous territory is situated so that the performance of water quality activities, including the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, improvement, equipping, maintenance, and operation of water quality facilities for the residents of the district will be conducive to the public health, comfort, convenience, water quality, or welfare, the area may be incorporated as a water quality district as provided in this chapter. The land to be included in a district must be contiguous to a stream, river, or lake, or to other property which, except for a public road or other public land, is contiguous to a stream, river, or lake. However, a water quality district shall not be established on open ditches or streams maintained by drainage districts or on streams or rivers where levees are maintained by levee or drainage districts. If a reach of a stream or river in a water quality district later becomes a drainage district facility or becomes levied by a drainage or levee district, the stream or river reach shall be removed from the jurisdiction of the water quality district and the adjacent parcels shall be removed from the water quality district.

3. If an area of contiguous territory is situated so that the specifications of subsections 1 and 2 are met, the area may be incorporated as a combined recreational facility and water quality district as provided in this chapter. If the trustees of a benefited recreational lake district wish to form a combined district or the trustees of a water quality district wish to form a combined district, the trustees may join with the petition required by section 357E.3 to the board of supervisors to proceed with the establishment of a combined district after following the same procedures as provided in this chapter for establishing a separate district.

Sec. 4. Section 357E.3, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

The supervisors shall, on the petition of twenty-five percent of the property owners of a proposed benefited recreational lake district if the assessed valuation of the property owned by the petitioners represents at least twenty-five percent of the total assessed value of the proposed district, hold a public hearing concerning the establishment of a proposed district. However, for a proposed water quality district, the petition shall contain signatures of the fewer of twenty-five property owners or twenty-five percent of the property owners of the proposed district. The petition shall include a statement containing the following information:

Sec. 5. Section 357E.8, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

357E.8 ELECTION ON PROPOSED LEVY AND CANDIDATES FOR TRUSTEES.

When a preliminary plat has been approved by the board, an election shall be held within the district within sixty days to approve or disapprove the levy of a tax of not more than four dollars per thousand dollars of assessed value on all the taxable property within the benefited recreational lake district except property assessed as agricultural land, and to choose candidates for the offices of trustees of the district. However, for a water quality district, the tax levy shall not exceed twenty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value on all taxable property within the district and must be renewed by a similar election every eight years. The tax levy for a combined district shall not exceed four dollars per thousand dollars

of assessed value on all of the taxable property within the district. A tax levy approved for the purposes of this chapter shall not be levied on property assessed as agricultural land. Notice of the election, including the time and place of holding the election, shall be given as provided in section 357E.4. The vote shall be by ballot which shall state clearly the proposition to be voted upon, and any registered voter residing within the district at the time of the election may vote. It is not mandatory for the county commissioner of elections to conduct elections held pursuant to this chapter, but the elections shall be conducted in accordance with chapter 49 when not in conflict with this chapter. Judges shall be appointed by the board from among the registered voters of the district to be in charge of the election. The judges are not entitled to receive pay. The proposition is approved if a majority of those voting on the proposition vote in favor of it.

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CHAPTER 1182

TRANSPORTATION — AVIATION

H.F. 2458

AN ACT relating to aviation transportation and providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. PRIORITIZING AVIATION ISSUES WITHIN STATE GOVERNMENT.

1. The general assembly finds that air service and aviation issues should be given a higher priority within state government and that improved communication and coordination between various state agencies regarding all issues relating to aviation is necessary. The state department of transportation shall make air service and aviation issues a high priority and provide improved communication and coordination between state agencies, airports, and citizens.

2. The state department of transportation shall increase the emphasis on commercial air service to the citizens of the state and shall continue to support general aviation for the business and leisure interest sectors.

Sec. 2. COMMITTEE ON AIR SERVICE.

1. The department of economic development and the state department of transportation shall jointly establish a committee on air service to examine and act upon issues related to air service in the state. The committee shall be established not later than July 1, 2000.

2. The committee shall consist of at least nine members and shall be composed of geographically diverse representatives of the business community and airports in the state, and shall also include representatives from the state department of transportation and the department of economic development.

3. The committee shall examine the commercial aviation needs of the state and provide recommendations on each of the following:

- a. The current unmet needs of Iowa business and leisure travelers.
- b. Improvement to the total transportation network of highways, rail, and airports to better meet air service needs.
- c. Whether a permanent air service council is needed to study issues related to air service in Iowa.